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Past Empress of Calgary *Ty Morgan*, and Edmonton Empress *Twiggy*, who steps down this month. *Photo courtesy of Ty Morgan*

Editor's Message:

Deadlines, and the Perils of the Publishing Business

This issue marks the sixth month of the *Alberta Gay and Lesbian Press*, and the thirtieth month that our group has produced a regular monthly magazine.

Over the past two and a half years we have encountered many, many problems, but none quite so distressing as what happened last month with our July issue.

After four months of working with Calgary's Bow Web Printers, we felt the quality they were providing was poor, the price was high, and the customer service very poor. Since they made no attempts to satisfy our concerns, we sought a new printer.

We ended up with Calgary's North Hill News, the only other Web Press in Calgary that could handle our specific job. They promised us excellent quality and that our printing schedules would be met to the best of their printing ability.

Such was not the case.

At the end of June we packed the artwork and completed layout sheets for the July issue off to North Hill News and awaited its return. In the meantime, I received several phone calls from their customer service representative — several pages would need work to provide the quality we had asked for. They would be able to make the alterations, at a charge of \$40 per hour. As they said, "It shouldn't take more than two or three hours."

With the extra work completed, we again waited for the magazine's arrival. After a couple of days, North Hill News called again.

"Bad news", they said. "We won't be able to schedule a print run before July 19."

One option, of course, was available — if we wanted to pay an extra fee for some additional setup work. "Shouldn't be more than \$250, Jim. That would give you the magazine back about July 15."

By this point, the magazine was already one day late.

That afternoon, I frantically searched for a printer in Edmonton, Vancouver — anywhere that could print the magazine in a hurry. I found one in Edmonton who promised to have it "off the press" within twenty—four hours of receiving the artwork.

I called North Hill News and told them I was sending someone to pick up all artwork, as we would be printing elsewhere.

Edmonton received the artwork on Friday the 5th, and the job was "off the press" by Monday the 8th. Binding would take a few more hours, and the whole job was ready the following morning.

On Tuesday the 9th, the magazines were shipped out directly by courier to our Edmonton locations, and the rest were shipped by Greyhound Express (the only couriers who could guarantee same-day delivery) and were due in Calgary at 7:30 pm.

How Greyhound managed to lose thirty-five cases marked *Alberta Gay and Lesbian Press* still remains a mystery.

The next day, they found the boxes, shipped them to our office, and the magazine finally arrived in Calgary's bars and businesses — ten days late.

I went for a strong drink.

This month Edmonton's Central Web Colorpress has taken over the job. They have promised excellent quality, and have already shown admirable customer service.

The quality problems (fuzzy pictures, pages cut off, etc.) we experienced last month were caused by North Hill News making negatives to their specifications, and having another printer, with different equipment, printing from those negatives.

The magazine you hold in your hands now is a testament to Central Web's quality.

Aside from all this, things are going well here at the *AGLP*. We have settled into our new office space, and have many more exciting features in the works for future issues.

We have discontinued a few of our regular features, to use the space more efficiently by bringing you news unavailable in mainstream media. We will continue listing gay films and other films of interest showing at the Plaza and the Princess Theaters within the Community Events Directory. A seperate directory for Edmonton is in the works once we begin receiving more information on a regular basis. We expect to have an Edmonton correspondent in the near future.

This issue also marks the last to which Daphne Fox will be contributing.

Daphne has been a vital part of the magazine for the past ten months, and now leaves us to concentrate on her family and other endeavours. We wish her all the best.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Re: the Drag Kings Presentation at the June 22, 1991 Project Pride Dance.

Racism is as insidious as homophobia. Sometimes it creeps up on us in comedy acts, or in song presentations. When the Drag Kings presented a song wearing black face-paint, they offended some individuals and one woman of color walked out. To her I hasten to say, please don't write off entire gay and lesbian community in Calgary. We are a diversified community. There are many who do not support, encourage or applaud performances. Racism hurts all of us.

does because It SO OUT HUMANITY is diminished a little every time racial jokes or song presentations in black face paint are laughed at, accepted as "just plain fun". Often not intended to be offensive or racist they are none-the-less very hurtful to minority groups and to the supporters of minority groups. Unfortunately, negative attitudes towards minorities in Canada are far too prevalent. With our long history of intolerance and violence against our gay and lesbian community, and unrelenting and

senseless persecution, surely we should know better.

Yours sincerely, Nancy Westholt. Calgary

Dear Editor.

On June 29, 1991 we participated in London England's Pride '91 March. It was an overwhelming experience. Over 4 000 people marched through the centre of London, a group that stretched several miles and included several floats, many created out of double-decker buses.

The parade passed by British Prime Minister John Major's residence and the Parliament buildings. There were many political overtones to the parade, as the government is currently trying to toughen anti-gay legislation. Many MP's are

supporting prison sentences for gay activities ranging from sex outside your home to even speaking to another gay in a manner that could lead to sexual relations.

Reactions from spectators was very positive, even from motorists trapped in the inevitable traffic jams. Reaction from the conservative newspaper industry, however, was non-existant. Apparently 4 000 people marching for equal rights isn't newsworthy.

Pride '92 promises to be even bigger as the International Lesbian and Gay Association has endorsed the plan for Pride '92 to be an event for Europe.

In addition to the march there will be a Euro-festival bringing together acts from all over Europe. It's good to see that in such an oppressive country as England, the gays and lesbians are standing tall. M. Lebaldus, P. Gibson.

Red Deer.

AGLP welcomes all letters to the editor. Write to us at: Box 20101, Bow Valley RPO, Calgary, Alberta. T2P 4H3

All letters are subject to editing for brevity. Please keep letters short; typed or neatly handwritten. *AGLP* reserves the right to reject letters of a slanderous, sexist, racist or homophobic nature though certain issues will undoubtedly call for editor discretion.

Youths Fined

VANCOUVER—Two 19-year—olds who spray—painted "Stop AIDS, Kill Fags," "Homos Die" and "Twisted Fags Die—Boom" on the walls of the Vancouver West End Community Centre have been ordered to pay \$1,000 each in clean—up costs and perform 125 hours volunteer work for AIDS Vancouver or the Vancouver PWA Society.

Eric Pelletier and Michael Sillje were also placed on 18 months probation. Judge Elizabeth Arnold termed the graffiti "the worst-imaginable kind."

"We live in a society that cannot have this kind of activity go on," she said. "It fosters hate and ill will. The sentence imposed must be one which expresses the public abhorrence for such conduct and their refusal to countenance it." (Angles)*

CRTC Ban

The Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission has announced plans to ban homophobic talk from the airwayes.

The move came in response to escalating anti-gay content on the Vision TV cable program "100 Huntley Street."

There is opposition to the plan and gay MP Svend Robinson urges letters supporting it to Secretary General, CRTC, Ottawa, Ontario K1A ON2, Canada. (Xtra!)*

Doc & Raider Gets National Attention

Doc & Raider, a cartoon series by Sean Martin, has been slated for acquisition by the National Archives of Canada as part of its collection of Canadian caricature. According to curator Susan North, "This is part of the Archives' continuing drive to bring different political and social sensibilities to the collection. For years, our mainstays have been established political cartoons for the larger daily newspapers, but we realize there are other, more seldom-seen viewpoints that should encouraged."

Now in its third year, Doc & Raider has been described as New Yorker humor for a gay and lesbian readership. Chronicling the lives of two 'happily married' gay men, the panel has tackled topics as frivolous as shopping and as little-seen) serious (and domestic violence. From its initial appearance in Q, a now-defunct entertainment monthly Vancouver, it is now seen in almost twenty papers world-wide, from Canada to New Zealand, with an estimated total readership of three million. In addition, the first collection of panels scheduled for publication this year by Los Hombres Press in San Diego, California.

Originally from Texas, Martin emigrated to Canada in 1988 and works as a senior designer for a major advertising firm in Ottawa.

He is also the author of two novels: *The Road to Aj*, a contemporary retelling of *The*

Wizard of Oz, and Teapot, a political comedy set in modern-day Montreal, as well as the author and illustrator of a children's book, Kings and Dragons are Supposed to Fight, which will appear next year from Annick Press.

Doc & Raider appears monthly in *AGLP*.

Calgarians Take Part in Toronto Concert

The Vancouver Men's Chorus (VMC) celebrated their tenth anniversary season this year with a tour to central Canada Washington, D.C. On June 29 at the St. Lawrence Centre in Toronto, the VMC sang with the Ottawa Men's Chorus, the Ottawa Women's Chorus, and the Toronto Gay Men's Chorus. Two members of Calgary's Rocky Mountain Singers also performed with the group of about 140, when all the choirs joined together in five songs to end the performance. audience of 800 watched in Toronto and 650 attended a repeat Ottawa performance in following night.

The VMC tour ended in a joint concert with the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington, D.C., and a reception at the Canadian Embassy in the American capital on the fourth of July.

Plans are now underway to invite all six Canadian GALA choruses to Calgary to perform with the Rocky Mountain Singers on June 27, 1991.

*compiled by Rex Wockner

Gay Rights Advances Across Canada

By Rex Wockner

Across Canada, encouraging moves are being made by politicians in the area of gay rights.

The conservative government of Nova Scotia announced in May that it will amend the provincial human-rights statutes to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation.

That would make Nova Scotia the fifth province or territory with a comprehensive gay-rights law, following Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the Yukon Territory.

"The announcement was part of a package of changes announced by the Tories in what is being seen as an attempt to shore up their scandal-weary government, which holds a slim majority in the legislature," according to a gay-press report.

In Alberta, meanwhile, the Liberal Party introduced a comprehensive gay-rights measure in the provincial legislature June 5.

The bill would amend the Individual's Rights Protection Act by adding "sexual orientation" as a prohibited ground of discrimination.

"No individual should be subject to discrimination in respect of jobs, apartments or public services because of their sexual orientation," said author and legislator Sheldon Chumir.

The move came just eight days after City Council in Edmonton amended the city's equal-opportunities policy to protect lesbian and gay city employees from discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Activists were ecstatic about that measure's passage given that two years ago the council flat-out refused to issue a proclamation for gay-pride day.

At the federal level, gays and lesbians achieved protection last year from any discrimination at the hands of governmental bodies when a federal court ruled that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms contains an implied gay-rights clause, and Justice Minister Kim Campbell agreed.

But private-sector discrimination can only be banned with an amendment to the Canadian Human Rights Act-something top officials in Ottawa have promised but failed to deliver for five years.

This spring, gay Member of Parliament Svend Robinson announced a new campaign to amend the Human Rights Act and called for an international postcard campaign targeting Campbell and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

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Mr. Alberta Drummer Competition Draws 350 People



By David Brindle Calgary

CLUB Calgary, not even a year old, permanently tatooed its presence on the leather scene the weekend of July 13, 1991, with the inaugural *Mr. Alberta Drummer* competition held in Calgary.

With "Diamond Dick" Don Bastian -- you're welcome to ask him about that nickname -- winning

the title over an unprecedented six contestants, the "Diamond Dick 1991 Tour" to Vancouver and the northwest regional *Drummer* title officially got under way.

Runners up to Bastian were Ken Nasedkin (1st) and Julien Brandt (2nd).

The Alberta Drummer weekend - which included a Meet 'n Greet on Friday, the final show on Saturday and a Sunday Victory Brunch - welcomed leathermen, levi and uniform buddies from across North America to the heart of the Canadian west in Calgary. Many were visiting Calgary not only for the *Drummer* competition, but for the world-famous Calgary Stampede as well.

Special guest was Wes Decker, Mr. Southeast Leather, who made the trip from Atlanta and says he, "left Calgary with more than what he came with". He certainly made an impression.

Other notable leathermen in attendance were David Miles, Mr. B.C. Drummer '91, Rob Neyts, Mr. Northwest Drummer '88, and Dr. Perv from Toronto.

The Mr. Alberta Drummer show — in fact the entire weekend — was praised by all of the 350 people who attended. Some even went so far as to claim that Mr. Alberta Drummer was better than most regional events. That's thanks to the contestants, the volunteers, the talents and involvement by all parts of Calgary's gay and lesbian community.

Most important, CLUB Calgary donated well over \$1 500 in proceeds from the event to AIDS Calgary's Greenbough Fund.

Bastian will now compete in the August competition for the northwest regionals (held in Vancouver) and if successful he will go on to compete for the Mr. International Drummer title in San Francisco.

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Gay Rights Advances in Leningrad, Estonia, Latvia

By Rex Wockner

The gay/lesbian movement in the Soviet Union is advancing on so many fronts that it's difficult to keep up from overseas. Four items landed in the newsroom this week.

In the Baltic Republic of Latvia, parliament voted to delete the male-sodomy law from the penal code, according to the Swedish gay newspaper Kom Ut. To become official, however, the repeal must be OK'd by authorities in Moscow, the newspaper said.

Latvia's move followed two years of talk in several republics about repealing the sodomy laws. But U.S. activist and Soviet expert Julie Dorf is not hopeful the other 14 republics will follow suit.

"I don't think there'll be any more movement because it's really caught up in the struggle of the entire Soviet Union," Dorf said. "There's not much incentive to work on repealing the laws with the bigger question looming of whether there is going to continue to be a Soviet Union."

Dorf co-founded the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission with Moscow gay-movement pioneer Roman Kalinin.

Kalinin says 800 men are imprisoned yearly in the Russian Republic under the male-sodomy law there, Article 121.1. Historically, most have been political dissidents who were framed by the KGB, Kalinin says.

Meanwhile, in Leningrad, two popular rock groups, Auction and Brigade S, have united with the Tchaikovsky Foundation for the Cultural Initiatives and Defense of Sexual Minorities to garner heterosexual support for gays and lesbians.

During a recent national TV broadcast, Auction's Vladimir Veselkin announced that the group will devote all its future efforts to supporting gay liberation. Veselkin later published an open letter to Western musicians inviting them to join the band in supporting the cause.

In other news, Tchaikovsky Foundation founder Olga Zhuk told *The New York Native* that she continues to be harassed with menacing phone calls and visits from the KGB, the Soviet secret police.

The authorities also persist in threatening Zhuk with arrest under Article 121.1, despite the fact that it outlaws only penileanal sex. Agents appear at most of Zhuk's speaking engagements, she said, especially those related to AIDS or the defense and rehabilitation of drug addicts.

Despite months of attempts, the Tchaikovsky Foundation remains unregistered at the City Council—a necessary move to protect freedom of assembly and speech.

Lastly, in Tallinn, Estonia, the Estonian Lesbian Union announced plans to open a clubhouse following receipt of 10,000 Finnish marks from a Helsinki lesbian who inherited a chunk of money.

ELU founder Lilian Kotter says the group's membership has

grown from four to 60 in the past year. Like the Tchaikovsky Foundation, ELU is struggling to secure formal registration with the City Council.

The project has been delayed, Kotter said, because the group's formal spokeswoman, who is married to a man, resigned after she was forced out of her day-job following a TV interview.

"We're looking for a serious lesbian who can stand up for us and it isn't easy to find her," Kotter said. "So many of our members are... hidden in the closet."

Plans have been finalized for two weeks of conferences, film festivals and pride celebrations in Moscow and Leningrad between July 23 and Aug. 2. San Francisco's Dorf is taking 60 North Americans, including this reporter, on a special trip to join the festivities.





Arrests, Police Brutality At Chicago Act Up Demonstration

Protestor Charged With Biting Cop

By Rex Wockner

Chicago police aggressively arrested 25 of the 250 ACT UP members who protested outside the American Medical Association's annual conference June 24 in Chicago. The protestors came from ACT UP chapters across the country.

Half of the 25 were nabbed as the group unsuccessfully attempted to move from the sidewalk to the street while marching down Michigan Avenue to the Chicago Hilton and Towers, site of the conference.

Protestor Bill McMillan's head was repeatedly bashed against the side of a paddy wagon by one officer before McMillan was shoved inside.

The remaining arrests occurred when an "affinity group" known as DICKS (Doctors In Cahoots with Killer Scumbags) tried to crash a police line at the hotel.

The DICKS protestors, who had 12-inch dildos hanging out of their flies, battled the officers for about two minutes before police succeeded in pinning the men to the pavement.

One protestor's head met the cement with a loud thunk and a pool of blood was left behind.

One of the nearly 150 police officers, Ronald Parram, received medical treatment after a protestor

bit him, said First District police officials.

The alleged biter, Gary Lawman from New York City, was charged with aggravated battery, resisting arrest, mob action and disarming a police officer—for allegedly removing a pistol from its holster.

At Lawman's bond hearing, however, Parram testified that he was not certain he had been bitten. All he knew for sure, he said, was that he felt a pain and looked down to find that both his finger and Lawman's mouth were bleeding.

Doctors' reports presented at the hearing also failed to confirm that Parram's injury was a human bite

A judge issued an order for forced HIV testing of Lawman, but the state's attorney's office opted not to make use of it. Lawman was released on \$25,000 bond after being held for 36 hours.

The protest marked at least the third time in the past two years that Chicago police have confronted ACT UP demonstrators with what many observers judged to be unnecessary force.

Activists say police became more aggressive with them concurrent with the election of Mayor Richard Daley, whose administration is less "reform"—minded than those of his immediate predecessors.

Protestors filed numerous complaints related to alleged brutality following a national AIDS demonstration in Chicago in April 1990. ACT UP spokesman Tim Miller said several formal complaints will be filed in connection with the June 24 protest as well.

The Chicago Tribune reported that "some officers used anti-gay slurs and insults as they followed [protestors] along South Michigan Avenue." The newspaper quoted one officer as saying "he was going to beat the demonstrators 'like I beat my wife."

ACT UP targeted the AMA because of the association's support for "contact tracing" of sexual and needle-sharing partners of HIV-positives and for mandatory testing of immigrants and inmates. The group also demanded that the AMA endorse a nationalized healthcare system and embrace "alternative [AIDS] treatment modalities."

AMA spokesman Craig May said the AMA opposes socialized medicine and has no position on "alternative forms of medicine."

In TV interviews, AMA officials denounced ACT UP's demonstration. "We suggested to them they'd make more of an impact if they discussed it with us rationally than if they did what they've chosen to do," spokesman Roy Schwarz told WFLD.

OutWeek Goes Broke, Shuts Down

By Rex Wockner

The controversial New York gay magazine *OutWeek* published its last issue June 24.

Employees found out June 27, when they arrived at work to find the door sealed and a note from President Kendall Morrison saying the magazine "will not go to press tonight."

The staff had already been told that the July 1 issue was to be the

last. The magazine had run out of money and the owners couldn't agree on cost-cutting measures, or anything else, staffers said.

"We knew all week the issue we were working on would be the last one," said columnist Michelangelo Signorile, "and we were adamant that *OutWeek* go out with a bang. The issue would have been enormously controversial, with a cover story

that was likely to cause reverberations."

As AGLP was going to press, Signorile confirmed that the story exposed the alleged secret gay life of Pete Williams, chief spokesman for the Pentagon.

OutWeek's shutdown followed by just a few weeks the firing of Editor in Chief Gabriel Rotello, who was dismissed by Publisher Steven Polakoff after the magazine's 27 employees issued a vote of 'no confidence' in Rotello, saying he had mishandled a preliminary announcement of a plan to lay off a third of the staff.

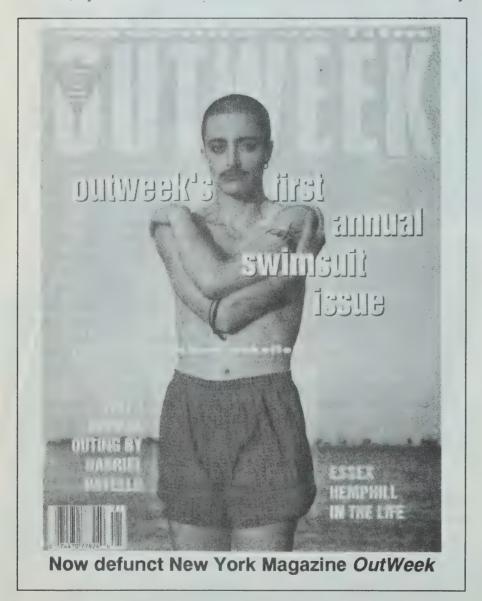
Polakoff also said the magazine had become "stale" and "boring" under Rotello's leadership.

Rotello told *The New York Times* that *OutWeek* was losing thousands of dollars a week and was "enormously in debt." He said Polakoff, who took over operation of the magazine from Morrison in December, was a major cause of the crisis. Morrison is ill with AIDS.

"Steve Polakoff didn't know anything about the publishing business," Rotello said.

"All of the owners are casting blame on each other," commented Signorile, "when, in fact, they all share in the mismanagement of a company that not only was important to the entire community but, from a business standpoint, with all the publicity it had gotten, could have been someone's goldmine."

Morrison's note on the *OutWeek* door promised that employees would be paid "with all possible speed," but staffers reached by telephone June 28



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termed the promise "a joke" and "a lie."

Jim Provenzano, former editor of OutWeek's erotic spinoff magazine, Hunt, which shut down in May, said the office had been "cleaned out" by Morrison's associates and then looted by some OutWeek staffers who knew they have no hope of being paid.

"It's like an apocalypse movie or something around here," he

said.

At press time, some *OutWeek* employees and contributors said they were planning a class-action lawsuit to retrieve back pay. Some of the magazine's owners also own profitable phone-sex companies.

Outing, ACT UP

Within weeks of its appearance two years ago, OutWeek achieved notoriety in both the gay/lesbian community and the mainstream press for its promotion of "outing."

One of the most controversial issues of the modern involves movement, outing publicly revealing the secret homosexuality of entertainment professional athletes, politicians and other celebrities -especially those who take stands against the gay and AIDSimpacted communities but also those who simply refuse to assist the gay movement.

The rationale behind the practice includes showing gay youth that they are not alone and taking a journalistic stand against perpetuating misassumptions that the public figures are heterosexual.

Rotello, a strong supporter of the practice, said he refused to employ a double-standard when writing about public figures he knew to be homosexual. If we don't gloss over celebrities' heterosexuality, neither are we going to gloss over their homosexuality, he said many times. We're not going to lie to cover up for them. The days of the gentlemen's agreement to keep sexual orientation a secret are over, he declared.

Critics of outing — which include all major national gay/lesbian organizations — call it an "invasion of privacy" and "fascism."

Targets of *OutWeek* outings included the late Malcolm Forbes, record magnate David Geffen, actress Jodie Foster, gossip maven Liz Smith, Cher's daughter Chastity Bono, actor Richard Chamberlain, and a host of other figures. Most of the outings occurred in Signorile's "Gossip Watch" column.

OutWeek was also the first gay magazine to fully and enthusiastically embrace ACT UP and Queer Nation, the radical vanguard of the gay movement. The magazine was criticized for its lack of objectivity in dealing with the two groups but was just as often praised for its radical, progressive, hip, trendy, "downtown" bias.

OutWeek's demise leaves The New York Native as the city's only gay news publication. Most of the Native's news is downloaded from the mainstream Associated Press wire service and the remainder of its pages are filled with unorthodox — critics say "crazy" — theories about the causes of AIDS and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, and with more—or—less traditional coverage of the arts.

The *Native*'s circulation had begun a steady decline prior to *OutWeek*'s birth and continued dropping thereafter.

Heartland Stops Publishing

By Rex Wockner

The Indianapolis-based gay/lesbian newspaper *Heartland* published its last issue in late June.

Editor James Jackson said the two-year-old publication had not attracted enough advertisers and was unable to lure professionals to work for an openly gay business.

Heartland was unique in that it claimed saturation distribution across an eight-state area.

Apart from *The Advocate*, that had never happened—or been attempted—before.

Heartland's editorial page frequently featured letters from readers in small Midwestern cities who were aghast to learn of all that was happening in the gay movement nationally and internationally.

The newspaper had a strong commitment to international news, in large part through subscription to the Chicagobased Outlines News Service.

Previous gay newspapers published in Indianapolis focused mainly on bar news and community gossip. The last of those, *The New Works News*, recently ceased publication when its publisher died of AIDS complications.

AIDS complications.
The farewell

The farewell issue of Heartland contained several pages of moving obituaries for the newspaper written by staff and contributors.

Large Turnout For 'Rescued' ILGA Confab

By Rex Wockner

ACAPULCO, México -- The International Lesbian and Gay Association's aborted-then-rescued 13th World Conference, held here June 30 to July 6, surprised organizers by attracting 150 delegates.

With only a week to rearrange travel itineraries, participants were expected to stay away in droves because of the high cost of last-minute airline tickets and the fact that many delegates were stuck with non-refundable tickets to Guadalajara, the original conference site.

The Guadalajara gathering was cancelled after the mayor, the county president and the state governor threatened to arrest the delegates and withhold police protection, and forced the host hotel to cancel ILGA's reservation. The confab was also aggressively threatened by what organizers called "ultra-right-wing, paramilitary Catholic groups."

The event was moved to Acapulco at the urging of the National Human Rights Commission, which said it was embarrassed by the behavior of officials in Guadalajara. The Guerrero state government provided a free conference site, complete with complimentary refreshments. The Advocate donated \$7,500 to offset relocation costs.

The more-cosmopolitan residents of Acapulco seemed to welcome the conference, with some delegates reporting being stopped in the streets with warm greetings. A 10-foot banner across the main entrance of the host hotel, Torres Gemelas, screamed, "13th Annual Conference of the International Lesbian and Gay Association."

The July 3 issue of the local daily newspaper, *El Sol de Acapulco*, ran a front-page headline reading, "Yes to ILGA," right beside a photo of the Pope, creating the impression that the conference had received a papal blessing. Mexican delegates termed the layout hysterical.

Delegates did spot one private bus with a protest sign against the conference and about 20 people marched against the event a few days before its opening.

Because more than half of the scheduled delegates were unable to attend, the Acapulco conference was not "official," meaning elections were not held, new members were not accepted, and no changes were made to the ILGA constitution. All such activities must wait until the 1992 conference in Paris.

On the other hand, ILGA officials said they were thrilled at the turn-out among Latin and North Americans. The delegates came from some 35 countries, including Argentina, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru and the Spanish-speaking U.S. territory Puerto Rico. ILGA Cosecretary General Lisa Power said she was happy that Greek and Japanese delegates made the long haul as well.

Members of ACT UP and Queer Nation zapped one of the conference plenary sessions and staged a die-in, charging that ILGA does not pay enough attention to AIDS. The protestors were a bit disconcerted when delegates began clapping and accepted all the protestors' proposals without discussion.

"Lots of non-USA people were really excited to see a die-in in action, so to speak," commented Power.

Prior to the conference opening, many delegates marched in the Mexico City gay-pride parade, despite a law that prohibits foreigners from participating in demonstrations. The lead banner in the parade denounced the mess in Guadalaiara.

"If the right-wing in Guadalajara is calling the cancellation of our conference a victory, then I wish them many more such victories," summed up Power.

"It resulted in our first major donation (*The Advocate* money) for a conference, massive new participation and worldwide attention to the situation of lesbians and gays in México."

Power said she was enlightened to learn that sexuality is more "fluid" in Latin America—meaning that men and women who consider themselves heterosexual feel more free to have gay and lesbian sex than do people in northern countries.

"Also, drag, which is unacceptable to lesbians in Northern Europe, is welcomed by women here," Power said. "Bisexuals are much more a part of the movement. There's more an attitude of what brings us together rather than what keeps us apart.

"The movement here doesn't have the luxury of extreme internal dissent. The people who are here who are ILGA old hands have had our minds changed. We've learned an awful lot to be more easy—going, and the importance of being open to change."

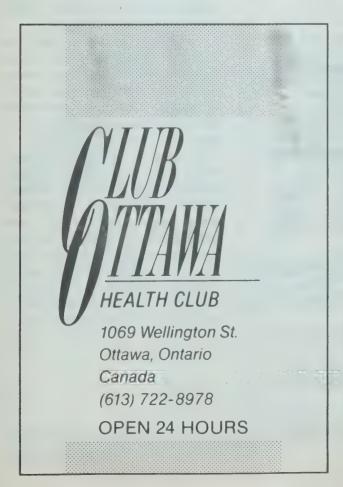
Power said the conference's mostimportant element was the effective dawn of a new level of interaction between the gay and lesbian movements of Europe/North America and those in Latin America. Well, that and the beaches.

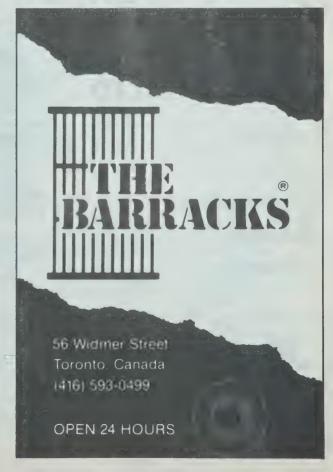


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AUSTRALIA -- Dykes on Bikes have begun patrolling Oxford St., the center of Sydney's gay community, in an effort to stamp out anti-gay violence. The patrol has the full co-operation of the New South Wales police force.

Sydney cops, for their part, recently launched "Operation Assault"

against "poofter-bashers" and nabbed 18 men during the month of May alone.

The force has taken out full-page ads in the gay press urging the community to report bashings.

In church news, the Sydney Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence have changed

their name to Order of Perpetual Indulgence after two lesbian monks ("brothers") were welcomed into the fold.

BRAZIL--A documentary which debuted in the U.S. last month reveals "an officially sanctioned reign of terror against gay men in the city of Sao Paulo, involving multiple murders, participation by the police, [and] local government collusion," according to The New York Native.

According to the film, Hunting Season. the anti-gav campaign began with a police program to arrest transvestites, escalated to the point where "unknown assailants" began machine-gunning transvestites in the streets, and now has taken the form of a series of murders where gay men are found dead of multiple stab wounds, with their mouths gagged and their hands and feet bound.

A former policeman told the filmmakers that Sao Paulo Mayor Janio Quadras is behind the murders. "I was fired after making serious declarations to the press," said Weiner Rosa. "The mayor is hunting gays in Sao Paulo.... like a second Hitler."

The report in the Native dovetails with four years of reports from gay activists in Brazil. In particular, the Grupo Gay Da Bahia in Salvador, Brazil's fourth-largest city, attempted to interest foreign journalists in a list it keeps of men murdered because of their sexual orientation. Based on newspaper and community reports nationwide, the list now runs to several hundred names.

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PHONE: 263-5256 ENGLAND--40,000 people did gay pride June 29.

Police forced floats to turn down their disco music as the parade passed through the area that *Capital Gay* termed "Government Gulch."

Kennington Park, site of the postparade rally, had been left soggy from rains earlier in the week, and parade organizers have been billed \$13,000 by Lambeth Council to re-sod the areas that were churned up by partiers.

Entertainment was provided by Hazell Dean, Bjorn Again, Nomad and Eric Presland.

Capital Gay recently held a bash to celebrate its 500th issue. Boy George headlined.

FRANCE--More than 5,000 gays and lesbians marched in the pride parade

June 22 and 30,000 attended an allnight party that followed.

According to Gai Pied, "Saturday's march differed in one important respect from marches of recent years: Gone this year were the floats blaring out disco music in the name of gay businesses. As a result, the marchers regained their voices.

"Observers noted more lesbians in the crowd than in recent years and a more positive response from onlookers than usual," the magazine said. "Some onlookers even went so far as to suggest that gays fight more actively for the right to marry."

FRANCE--A spectacular High Mass formalized the investiture of the Paris order of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence in June.

The event was attended by Pope

Dementia the Last, Mother Theresa Nervina and a cast of cardinals, priests, choirboys, singers, dancers and bodybuilders.

The convent was created last September by four French founding sisters who took their vows before San Francisco's Reverend Mother, Sr. Vicious Power Hungry Bitch.

Five more Paris sisters have since taken vows—to promote visibility and rejection of shame, universal joy, tolerance between communities, charity and AIDS prevention.



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GERMANY--The Berlin gay magazine Magnus reports that police in Stuttgart have been caught with illegal lists of homosexuals and gay

meeting places.

Magnus speculated that the publicity will either lead to the lists' destruction "or push them deeper underground."

There is no indication police have used the information against the gay community.

IRAN--HOMAN, a group of gay/lesbian Iranians living in Scandinavia, reports that "because of testimonies of several refugees, we have been able to evaluate more precisely the depth of the anti-gay persecution organized by the ayatollahs since the revolution."

"They are trying to exterminate homosexuals," HOMAN declared. "Seventy men and women were condemned to death for having tried to create a gay organization. They were offered a choice of how to be executed," HOMAN said. "Refusing to be decapitated or stoned, they all chose to be thrown from a cliff.

"In our group," HOMAN continued, "there are two people who were tortured because of their homosexuality."

NETHERLANDS—Although a settlement has been announced in the U.S., the boycott of the Philip Morris company will continue in Holland, says ACT UP/Amsterdam.

The action is continuing in England and Germany as well, according to gay-press reports.

European activists hope to negotiate their own settlements with the corporation.

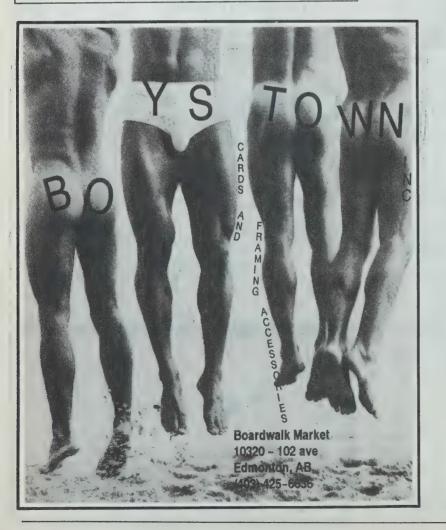
In late June, ACT UP/Amsterdam zapped the International Theater School Festival, which Morris sponsored.

The U.S. boycott targeted Marlboro cigarettes and Miller beer to protest Morris' donations to anti-gay U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

The Dutch action targets Marlboro, Toblerone chocolates and Kraft sauces.

The U.S. settlement was announced after Morris promised





large donations to gay and AIDS organizations.

A few U.S. ACT UP chapters denounced the settlement, calling it a sell-out.

SWEDEN—The National Board of Health and Welfare has rejected a gay man's request to adopt a child.

"A child should grow up with a clear understanding of the fact that children cannot come into this world except through sexual relations between a man and a woman," said a board spokesman.

In protest of the decision, five gay groups--Lesbian Now. Gay Conservatives. Gay Liberals, Ecumenical Group for Christian Homosexuals and the national umbrella organization RFSL--voted to end communication with the board. (Reporter)

USSR--The Latvian Parliament voted to delete the male-sodomy law from the penal code, according to the Swedish newspaper Kom Ut. To become official, however, the repeal must be OK'd by authorities in Moscow, the newspaper said.

Latvia's move follows two years of talk in several republics about repealing the sodomy laws. But U.S. activist and Soviet expert Julie Dorf is not hopeful the other 14 republics will follow suit.

"I don't think there'll be any more movement because it's really caught up in the struggle of the entire Soviet Union," Dorf said. "There's not much incentive to work on repealing the laws with the big question looming of whether there is going to continue to be a Soviet Union."

USSR--The Estonian Lesbian Union has announced plans to open a clubhouse following receipt of 10,000

Finnish marks from a Helsinki lesbian who inherited a chunk of money. ELU founder Lilian Kotter says the group's membership has grown from four to 60 in the past year.

Like gay groups in Leningrad and Moscow, ELU is struggling to secure formal registration with the City Council. The project has been delayed, Kotter şaid, because the group's formal spokeswoman, who is married to a man, resigned after she was forced out of her day-job following a TV interview.

"We're looking for a serious

lesbian who can stand up for us and it isn't easy to find her," Kotter said. "So many of our members are hidden in the closet."

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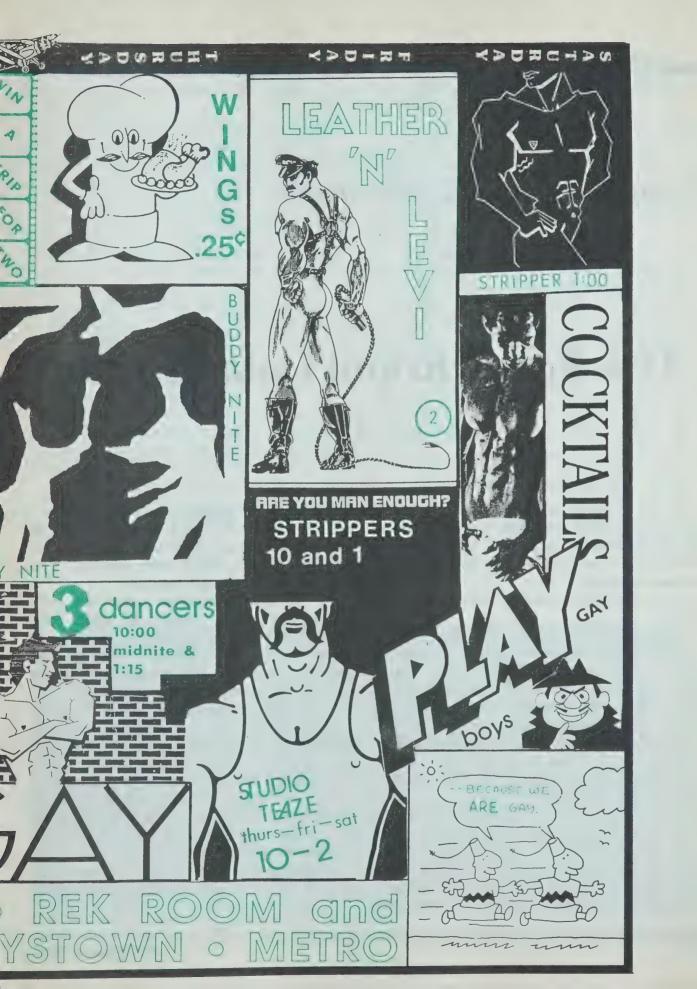
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Edna's Marvellous Adventures

The Bored Room Catastrophe

By Edna Herself (that's me)

My trip to recover my ninety-three cents from that scoundrel, Vivian Schwartski, was unsuccessful; however, my collection of memoirs increased and I came up with a new idea that may inspire a whole new line of products.

Upon returning I called an emergency board meeting.

I got the idea after that "Nasty Incident in Butt, Montana". To recount the story quickly, my mobile home had a small malfunction with the cruise control and I found myself at the bottom of the Snake River. Once escaping, I became stranded at a road side truck stop; a very unattractive place for me to be, considering that I looked as fantastic as I did. Obviously it didn't take very long before I had attracted quite a number of lonely truck drivers who were taken by my beauty.

(From A Memoir Earlier This Year)

"Somewhat concerned for my virginity I decided to entertain them, and as a finale do a couple of quick twirls. There I was in my 3/4 length multi-pleated dancing skirt. You know, the one with the wonderful

deep-purple beads dangling around the hemline. I brilliantly executed two quick twirls... Surprise! My skirt decided to do six, straight up over my bouffant. Beads flew off fifty yards in every direction... I put fifteen people in the intensive care unit."

As you know, everything worked out and I returned (without my ninety-three cents), but I couldn't help thinking that there must be a way to harness this bead energy. So, immediately upon my return, I contacted the Research and Development team to perfect my concept of twirl-away beads.

As the first prototype was anything but perfect, we attempted to use a sound sensor mechanism. Unfortunately, during the test session the model, while executing her triple spin, was overcome with excitement and let out a squeal of delight, which of course activated the beads and... well, let us just say we sent her over to Bermuda to recover. (Rachel, the cook book designer, is over there to keep her company.)

Fortunately I was wearing my safety glasses, but my teeth weren't so lucky. I had to have them all recapped. The dentist's mistress is now wearing a new fur, the tramp.

"Anyway, we believe that we have now arrived at a working, marketable prototype. The target is set up and the model is ready. I would ask that each of you put on your teeth guards and safety glasses, and I will call in our model to demonstrate."

The model came in and went over the design, explaining that each dangly bead was equipped with a directional pathfinder and could be released when a triple twirl was executed while removing the right clipon.

After her explanation, she danced the Bosanova for a few moments, flew into the famous triple kick double sow cow spin, then quickly removed her right clipon.

SHAZAM!... Nothing happened. The bead release mechanism had malfunctioned.

An audible gasp was heard from the board as they watched the model continue to spin out of control.

"Oh my gosh, she's speeding up", said Muriel Rosenberg.

Then we realized that the beads were too heavy, and she was accelerating exponentially. The wind turbulence became so vicious that we were forced to duck under the board room table.

It was no use. She accelerated right out of control

and right out of the board room, via the side wall. Suddenly, all was quiet again.

As we stood up and looked around, we could see the results of the demo. Johnny, my beloved and faithful lawyer, was in such shock that he just lay there, shaking.

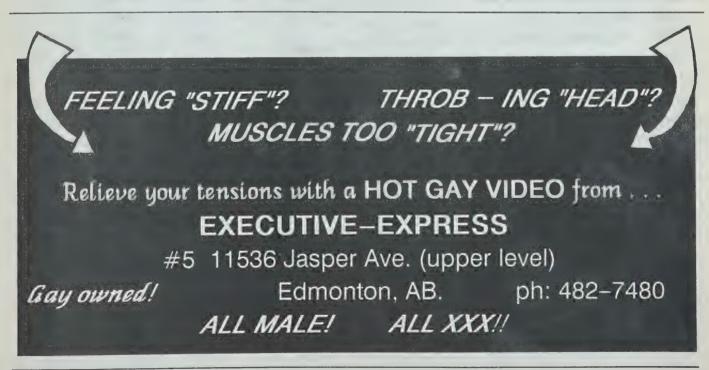
Her spiked heels had dug into the carpet and tore it to shreds, but it left tracking that allowed us to figure out where she had spun to.

Apparently she was moving so quickly that she blasted through three interior walls, whizzed across the stage of Howard Hollister's Weekday Gospel Hour while they were discussing speedy demons, and shattered nine panes of glass (the last of which was a window twelve storeys up, sending her spiralling to the parking lot below).

We think now that the combination of the spinning hoop skirt that caught the air as she descended and the stabilizer heels with the emergency free fall parachute device saved her from a gruelling end.

Instinctively, we knew that more work was needed and the board was dismissed until next time.

Edna's helpful pointer number 14 – Don't buy this product on the black market; the bugs haven't been worked out yet. ▼



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Education, Suicide

By Pierre Tremblay Calgary

The professionals contacted in Alberta Education, in the two major Calgary school systems, and at the Canadian Mental Health Association, were not aware of the gay and lesbian over-representation in youth suicides. They also had not recognized that homosexuality plays a casual role in the school dropout rate. This lack of knowledge can only have negative consequences for lesbian and gay youth.

According to Vicki Brown, a Calgary Public School specialist in Education Services/Health, most teachers would have a problem just being comfortable talking about homosexuality. They would know little to nothing about the subject, or about the meaning of being gay. Some professionals interviewed noted that homosexuality is a very "sensitive" topic in education -- it rates in the "hot potato" category, Calgary mayor Al Duerr recently discovered.

Homosexuality is usually not a topic teachers will even initiate. This fact was implicit in Supervisor of Religious Education

Curriculum Tom Harris' report of Catholic School Calgary situation. Teachers are told that "if the topic comes up -- and kids do ask -- [they] are not to avoid it." Although they are not to make "value judgements", a judgement imbedded in explanation that students are told to have compassion for people with AIDS and homosexuals. The message is clear. Students would never be told to have compassion for heterosexuals because heterosexuals are never perceived to be suffering from something abnormal.

Even Janet Arnold, from the Canadian Mental Health Association, had followed a policy of talking about homosexuality only if a youth brought up the subject. The reason may be that teachers seek to avoid problems. If a student mentions it, a reason is then created to discuss the subject, but with great caution.

According to Gina Vibone, the coordinator for Health / Physical Education in Alberta Education, most teachers would have a major problem saying anything positive about homosexuality. If they did, even greater problems would come from some parents hearing about

it. A teacher could be accused of not only "condoning" homosexuality, but of "promoting" it! The teacher could also be accused of being homosexual and of "recruiting" children into a lifestyle considered by some to be the most evil on earth.

Given that gay and lesbian youth in schools will probably never hear anything positive about their identity, their self-esteem problems will worsen, and they will also be deprived of having openly gay teachers to serve as positive role models.

There are great pressures exerted on lesbian and gay teachers to stay in the closet, especially because they know how negatively so many students feel about homosexuals. If their sexuality was known, teaching could become an almost impossible job.

There are also pressures exerted by administrators who don't want to have problems with parents who think that openly gay teachers would have a bad influence on children, and even think that this would "promote" homosexuality.

The case against having such teachers, however, is argued at

Problems for Gay Kids

another level by Calgary Board of Educations's Phyllis Day. Day commented, "I guess I have a bit of trouble with that because a heterosexual teacher doesn't come out to his class and say 'Olé! I'm heterosexual.' So I don't see any reason why it's important for a teacher to announce to a class what his sexual preference is. It's nobody's business... I could never understand that issue."

Day does not realize that heterosexuals do use an infinite number of ways to reveal their sexual orientation.

The issue of openly gay teachers was discussed with Dr. Joan Perry in the context of the self-esteem of gay and lesbian youth, and the role it plays in youth suicide. She recognized that positive role models are especially needed by all youth belonging to minorities. Her response opponents of openly gay teachers was, "It's depressing that our tolerance for other people is so poor that we can't allow them to be, and to contribute in their own ways. We want to make them be all like us."

The closeted situation also has serious effects on gay and lesbian teachers.

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One gay teacher who left teaching stated, "I could not live with myself. On a daily basis, my responses to many situations were altered, or completely censored. By not being openly gay, I was denying gay kids the positive role models they so desperately

needed. I was doing to them what my teachers had done to me.

"Only male-female relationships could be discussed, which sent a deadly message to these kids. The gay relationships they would want didn't exist. That they shouldn't exist was implied. I completely avoided anything about homosexuality because it was forbidden. Yet, gay kids desperately needed such comments to elevate their selfesteem. I was not only betraying them, I was betraying my own humanity. So I quit and no one ever knew why."

Given the evidence, it's tempting to conclude that our schools are set up to destroy the maximum number of gay, lesbian and bisexual youth possible. But why have adult gays and lesbians done nothing about this?

The answers are all too familiar, the feeling is that nothing can be done.

Maybe this is not true -- education can solve problems.

Anyone interested in forming a lesbian and gay organization focused on helping educators deal with the gay and lesbian youth situation can call AGLP. Leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted as soon as possible.

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THURSDAY AUGUST 1

DIGNITY – Liturgy & dinner out 5:45 pm. Call 282–6502.

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FRIDAY AUGUST 2

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WOMONSPACE - Lesbian drop-in, 7 9 pm at 9930 106 St. Call 425-0511.

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CAMP 181-" Free" Camp out North Ghost Camp Ground (Group Loop

SATURDAY AUGUST 10

TRAX – Karaoke Sing-Off. Six people will compete for \$300 cash.

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GAY FATHERS - Pot Luck Dinner at 4:00 pm. Call 246-4036.

BOYSTOWN - Cannibal Queens Show.

318 - The Stars Wish for Children - a fundraiser for the Childrens Wish Foundation. 3 pm to 2 am. Call 228-7999 for info.

SUPER SYLVAN LAKE SUMMERTIME BASH - Call GLCCE for more info at 488-3234.

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TUESDAY AUGUST 13

P-FLAG - Pot Luck 6:30 pm. Call 282-6592.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 17

CLUB CALGARY/TRAX - Jockstrap & Uniform Night.

EDMONTON

WOMONSPACE - Dance at Bonnie Doon Hall 9240 93 St. 8 pm. Call 425-0511 for info.

SUNDAY AUGUST 18

AIDS CALGARY/APOLLO - Stepping Out For Life, "A Pledge Walk" call Dick 285-1203.

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SATURDAY AUGUST 24

CAMP 181 - Dance 7:30 pm, 919 McDougall Rd. N.E.

SUNDAY AUGUST 25

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318 - That's Entertainment presents Ty Morgan and Justine Tyme.

FRIDAY AUGUST 30

MCC - 7th Annual Retreat. For info call 277-4004.

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BOYSTOWN - Parkside Reunion Meet and Greet.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

BOYSTOWN - Parkside Reunion -Lunch Bucket Brunch 1 pm, Relics on Parade Show at 11 pm.

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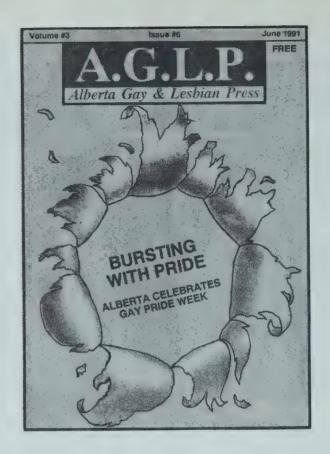
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BREEDER

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Now, in the year 2065, the Greater American government is preparing to implement the CHW Project, a plan which would completely eliminate the need for heterosexual Breeders and their reproductive capabilities.

A clandestine organization known as Straight Nation, headed by the granddaughter of legendary Elitist Svend Robinson, is now trying to prevent this from happening.

In doing so, Straight Nationalists Kelley Robinson and Russ Conrad have joined forces with Breeder Thomson Sutherland and Breeder-positive Security Engineer Cassidy Graham...

In the Head Office of Security Headquarters, President of Greater America Clive Dawson found himself tightly wrapped in the arms of his Security Chief, Patricia Richelhof.

"You're certain that no one can tell what we're up to in here, Pat." His question had come out more like a statement.

"Of course not. What safer place to get together than at Security Headquarters? Besides, apart from you and me, Munwai's the only person who has access to my personal offices."

"And she's trustworthy?"

"I'd put my life in her hands, Clive." replied Richelhof.
"In fact, just about the only thing she doesn't know about me is us and our — relationship..."

"You know I don't like that word." spoke Dawson flatly.

"Our whatever-it-is. Munwai doesn't have any idea that we're actually Breeders."

"Dammit!" shouted Dawson, suddenly. "We're not fucking Breeders! Don't say things like that around me!"

"All right, all right, calm down." soothed Richelhof.

For the next few minutes, silence hung thick in the air. Finally, Richelhof spoke. "Clive...?"

"Mmmmmm..."

"We just brought Russ Conrad in for questioning. We think he's somehow involved in this Cassidy Graham conspiracy."

"Have we been able to get anything out of him?" asked Dawson.

"It's like squeezing blood from a stone. He knows how to keep quiet under interrogation. Part of his Security Engineer training."

"Oh. So what do you suggest we do next?"

"What can we do?" replied Richelhof. "Tomorrow we'll be implementing the CHW Project, and the whole Breeder issue will be a thing of the past. And with any luck at all, this Cassidy-Conrad stuff will settle itself in the process."

"I hope you're right, Pat." said Dawson, quietly. "God knows, I hope you're right."

Munwai Lam clicked off her computent, sickened at heart, nauseated at what she was hearing.

When she first discovered that the President of Greater America and his Chief of Security were not only closet Breeders, but lovers as well, the shock and anger that ripped through her proved almost more than she could bear.

She decided to bide her time, however, to wait and see how this situation impacted on the operation of the government and society as a whole.

Munwai was an idealist.

She could not control herself, however, after she began picking up details about the CHW Project. (As Richelhof's personal aide, she couldn't help but overhear them.)

It incensed her to know that the project designed to eliminate Breeders altogether was being implemented by their own kind. While the plight of Breeders was the least of Munwai's worries, she knew Richelhof well enough to realize that much of the rationale behind the CHW Project must have been to hide the fact that Richelhof and President Dawson were themselves Breeders.

Munwai had come to the conclusion that she had to do something — but what?

A thought came into her head. Maybe, just maybe... It would be dangerous, it could be — no, it definitely was — stupid, but it just might work. She had to try...

"What is this place, Kelley" asked Sutherland, looking around at the small auditorium with the cross set against a far wall. Inside, several Dörserians and a few Elitists milled about, some recognizing each other and seeming to renew old acquaintances.

"It's called the 'Hall of God's Chosen', Thomson," replied Kelley. "When Straight Nation assembles, we do so under the guise of a religious organization. With today's attitudes toward religion, nobody pays much attention to us, and we can meet freely without being observed."

"Oh," said Thomson.

"After all, if the government knew who we were, we'd be shipped off to the Chambers in a second." Kelley Robinson glanced around the assembled crowd. "Oh, wait here a moment, Thomson. I think I see Melody Kordor and

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her lover, John. I have to talk to them before we start the meeting."

"But..." Sutherland began.

Kelley gave his shoulder a gentle squeeze. "Don't worry, Thomson. Everybody here is a Breeder, same as me and you; either that, or they're Breeder-positive Dörserians who realize that if they're caught here, they'll be terminated right

along with the rest of us." With that, she left Sutherland alone, and made her way into the crowd.

Sutherland chided himself on what it seemed was rapidly becoming his one-syllable vocabulary. Kelley hadn't answered his questions, but then again, even he had no idea what his questions were, exactly.

He knew that he was concerned about Conrad, the Security Engineer who was really a Breeder. Conrad had rescued him just yesterday, and had now himself been taken into government custody. Sutherland also worried about Cassidy, the Breederpositive Security Engineer who had gone to try and free Conrad.

Cassidy was also, realized Sutherland, the closest thing he had to a friend.

Now, standing here amongst this roomful of strangers, Sutherland felt incredibly alone. Even though everyone in this hall was supposedly a Breeder, he couldn't help wondering what he was doing here. Only a few days ago, he was content — if not happy — serving his Citizen master.

Yet here he was, just days later, somehow allied with a group of closet Breeders out to overthrow the government or something... Sutherland had a bit of difficulty understanding just what Straight Nation was all about, and what they planned to do.

He knew, however. that he could not go back to being a slave, not after having tasted freedom. Freedom was better even than a lifetime in a Breeder Camp. He would rather die than serve under another Citizen master.

He was interrupted in his thoughts by hearing his name being uttered from behind him.

"Thomson Sutherland?"

Sutherland spun around and noticed a tall man with longish brown hair, dressed in a stylish Dörserian tunic, smiling at him. The man looked familiar somehow.

"Uh, do I know you?" asked Sutherland, trying to jog his memory. Where had he seen this man before?

"Well, we met briefly once, day before yesterday, at Goliath's. You're sort of famous around here, Thomson,

assassinating the Chief of Breeder Control and all."

Sutherland looked at the man closely, and suddenly pictured him in diapers. Of course! This was the man who had tried to come on to him while Sutherland was hiding Cassidy's audioreceiver in the Goliath Saunatel.

"But that means you must be a..." started Sutherland.

"A Citizen?" finished the other man. "No, not quite. Actually, I'm sort of what they used to call a mole. I pretend to be like any other Citizen, a regular at Goliath's, to boot. It's all pretty much an acting job. It's amazing how much confidential information you can pick up at a place like Goliath's, if you keep your ears open. Any interesting tidbits I overhear I bring back to Straight Nation."

"But if you're really a Breeder, how can you — I mean, Goliath's is like, umm..." Sutherland could feel himself stumbling over his words.

"You mean sex? I don't have much to worry about, I figure. That's part of the reason for the diapers. There's almost no diaper fetishists here in Calgary." The man let out an exaggerated sigh and turned back to Sutherland. "Oh, by the way," he said, sticking out his hand, "My name's Michael Bryce."

Sutherland tood his hand as

Michael shook vigorously.

"So," said Michael, "Tell me more about the famous Thomson Sutherland. How'd you off Langille? Were you really his slave. You got a lover or anything?"

Michael's exuberance was catching Sutherland offguard. He began mentally processing his questions one at a time. "Well, it was really Cassidy Graham who killed Luke Langille, not me. And yes, I was a Breeder and... uh..." He



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realized he had no idea how to go about answering that last question of Michael's.

Did he have a lover? Not now. Before, he had had several, at the Breeder Camps down in Frisco. Well, maybe not lovers: it was sex. Breeders, after all, were not supposed to be able to feel love. Then again, there was Linda, the one Breeder he had met at the Camp in Frisco. Scarcely a day went by that he didn't think about her; her soft, brown hair, her large, soulful eyes, her smooth, silky skin, her...

Yes, he supposed he did love her, even though they had been apart for years. And it seemed he need only look at Kelley Robinson and Russ Conrad for proof that Breeders could actually love one another.

"Well?" prompted Michael, waking Sutherland from his mental reverse.

"Yes." replied Sutherland slowly. "Yes, I do have a lover. Her name is Linda..."

Cassidy Graham stood silently in a dark corridor of Security Headquarters, the one which lead to the interrogation rooms. He had hidden himself from the view of those travelling down the hallway almost in front of him.

Now that he was here, however, what was he going to do? He knew from the conversation on the audioreceiver that Russ Conrad was being held in one of these chambers, probably Interrogation room seven. Fat lot of good that knowledge did him though; the Interrogation rooms were always particularly well-guarded — there was no way he could physically bust Conrad loose.

Subterfuge was out of the question as well. It didn't take long for him to discover that he was probably the most wanted man around Security Headquarters these days, since his defection last Tuesday.

In the meantime, all he could do was keep out of sight and wait for some kind of opportunity to arise.

He was interrupted in his thoughts by the sight of Munwai Lam, Pat Richelhof's personal aide, passing down the corridor in front of him. This was beginning to bother him; she rarely left her office unless absolutely necessary. Why would she be hovering down here in the interrogation area? Unless... Cassidy shook his head clear, it would do him no good to get paranoid — he had been cautious enough, no one could possibly know he was here.

Then the only rational reason for her being down here was that she was here about Conrad. Of course. As Richelhof's aide, she must know something.

Cassidy slipped his right hand down his side, resting it gently on his light gun. If he played his cards right, Munwai

could provide some very valuable, albeit unwilling, assistance.

The meeting in the Hall of God's Chosen was going full swing now, and although Sutherland was doing his damndest to keep up with the goings on, he found himself hopelessly lost. In front of the hall, Kelley Robinson was speaking forcefully on the oppression of Breeders and, as an extension, the secluded lifestyle the closet Breeders assembled in this hall were forced to live. Melody Kordor, a "Dörserian" brunette with piercing brown eyes, had joined Kelley in her diatribe, focussing on the obvious need for a group such as Straight Nation.

They spoke also of Victor Persaud, the martyred founder of Straight Nation; the first Breeder to have been executed as a result of the first heterophobic government of 2035, thirty years ago.

Their words seemed to have a sort of rallying effect on the crowd, and as Kelley began to speak on what she knew of the CHW Project, the Straight Nationalists responded loudly and vocally.

Sutherland found it difficult to concentrate on the proceedings. His talk with Michael had started him dwelling on Linda once again, and she would not leave his mind. It was far too long since the last time they had seen each other, held each other. How was she, he wondered. Was she even still alive? Had she actually borne his child as he suspected, as he'd sometimes dreamed she had?

But he had no way of knowing anything, unless... Of course! Why hadn't he thought of this before? Silently, practically unseen by the crowd, Sutherland made his exit and disappeared into the Hall's back room.

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As Munwai made her way down the corridor, she heard a voice — a pronounced whisper, actually — order her. "Okay, Munwai, stop right there and you won't get hurt."

She turned around and found herself face to face with Cassidy Graham. At this point, knowing what she did, she had no idea whether this was a stroke of luck or not. But there was no going back now; she had already set up the equipment she would need for this evening. She might as well take advantage of the situation.

"Graham," she said evenly, "Put down that lightgun. I know now that you're not the enemy here, after all."

Cassidy stopped for a moment, and then looked at her carefully. She smiled to herself. She must have hit him with something completely unexpected with that comment; after

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all, the entire Security Engineer Force was watching out for him.

"Listen Munwai, don't give me any shit. I need your help to get to Russ Conrad. As Richelhof's aide, you must know where he's being kept."

"Yes, yes, of course I do. Look, tell you what. I need your help too. I can just walk into the Interrogation room

and spring Conrad; I've got the authority. If I do that, will you two stand by me with what I have planned?"

"What the fuck are you talking about?" Cassidy asked, looking more than a little confused. "Conrad and I are not exactly capable of pulling our weight as Security Engineers right now."

"That's obvious. But just listen to what I have to say. If things are happening the way I think they are, we Dörserians have got to stick together." With that, Munwai started detailing to Cassidy what she had in store.

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Alone in the back room of the Hall of God's Chosen, Sutherland sat facing Cassidy's audioreceiver. He was burning with curiosity. What had happened to Linda?

Finally he had a way of finding out.

With this audioreceiver, he could pick up the sound vibrations surrounding virtually anyone in Greater America, just by inputting their personal indentification number.

It was simple enough. He had seen Cassidy operate it earlier. He was sure he could do it himself.

He opened the attaché case in which it was stored, and flicked a switch on the right hand side of the black boxlike machine therein.

Slowly, carefully, he input Linda's name and ID number. Although he could not read, he had memorized the look of Linda's name in print. All he had to do was match the look of those letters to the ones on the machine's keyboard.

L-I-N-D-A-B-R-I-T-T... he pushed the space key and continued. I-D-B-F-4-6-8-4-6-8-8.

He paused, and let out a breath as the machine began to beep and voices started coming forth from the machine's speaker.

<<*After all, it is a new Camp; it'll take a load off of her mind. She can't perform properly unless she gets a bit of rest soon.*>>

Sutherland was confused. Had they built a new Breeder Camp in Frisco?

<<*It's a shame that the Breeder she was supposed to be coupled with is dead. It would have been a real coupe to have our Breeder coupled with Langille's.*>>

Strange coincidence. That was the name of Sutherland's ex-master.

<<*Well, what do you say, Linda.
Do you think you deserve a weekend at
the Camp?*>>

<<*Whatever you say, Ma'am.*>>

It was her! After too, too long, he was finally hearing her voice again!

<<*It'll be good to get rid of her,
Peggy. Free us up to raise hell here in
Calgary ourselves.*>>

Suddenly it hit Sutherland. Hard. The references to a new Breeder Camp, to Langille, to Calgary... Linda was here in this very city!

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The meeting in the main hall continued unabated. It was several seconds before someone noticed that the large computon on the Hall's south wall had flickered on

"Look -- it's some sort of message coming in. Who knows we're here?"

"No, look -- it's a G-code message. A general govenmental release. Every computon in the country is receiving this message!"

Suddenly, an image of Munwai Lam appeared on the screen, backed by Cassidy Graham and Russ Conrad. The crowd stood in shocked silence as Munwai's voice rang through the room.

"Citizens of Greater America, I'm here to share with you a matter of the greatest importance..."

NEXT MONTH: Munwai Lam's speech to Greater America, and more. It's all here in the next chapter of Mark Guire's Breeder: Installment 9: "Revelations".

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PRISM EYES

Out here on this nature trail We hover close together. A bee and flower dancing, The air between our faces Warm and sweet with The anticipation of honey.

I look into your prism eyes, My colours reflecting back In the blue–green–brown Of earth and sky And I know that I am natural.

I use your eyes for mirrors
To see myself.
I touch you so I'll know
That I have substance.
Sometimes in this too-bright sun
I don't cast any shadow
And I wonder where I am.

by Patricia Ford

dreams into reality

As she walked slowly into the dimly-lit bar, I could sense my body begin to tingle. As our eyes caught for a brief second, we both turned our glances away.

As she proceeded past my table, I could not help but gaze upon her body, past each curve, this time making sure not to look past her shoulders.

As the evening wore on, I found myself behind her at the bar. I could not help but notice her long sleek hair as it glistened from the shadowed bar light.

As she got her drink, she turned and stared into my eyes. She just stood there as the corners of her lips began to curl upwards.

She said a few words, then motioned me to her table. Gratefully, I accepted. While sitting with her I could feel the fresh outdoors; green, luscious grass.

She spoke softly, yet so beautifully, the tone of her voice a reminder of the birds deep within a forest.

Just then, she reached across the table and grabbed my hand, pulling me closer until I was drowning in her sea-blue eyes. As our lips touched like two clouds in the blue sky, this is when it happened.

I awoke to find it all a dream. But as I looked into the mirror, I realized I was wearing her lipstick across my smile.

by Corinne Stearns

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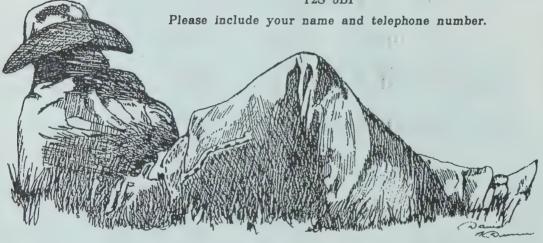
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To the membership of CLUB Calgary:

Congratulations! Your recent Mr. Alberta Drummer Weekend was an outstanding success! I'm very proud to become an honorary member of your fine club, as I'm sure Wes Decker is too. During my acceptance speech I mentioned that I had been referred to as the "Father of both Alberta Drummer and CLUB Calgary". I admit to being pushy with regard to wanting a candidate from Alberta but I only asked for an invitational contestant. I'm certain my suggestion to start a club for leather men and women in Calgary was not an original one, but does seem to have been timely and apparently was made to the right people. It was during the intensity of the Gay Games that the concept of your club and your hosting the Drummer event was ignited. Like lightning bolts, Ken and Don returned to Calgary to set their world on fire. When I was asked for support and input to help the organizational process, I sent you my handbook on contest organization. Therein I wrote, and was quoted by Don, "Don't fuck up!" and you didn't. The rationale which followed, but wasn't mentioned, read: "It's easier that way!"

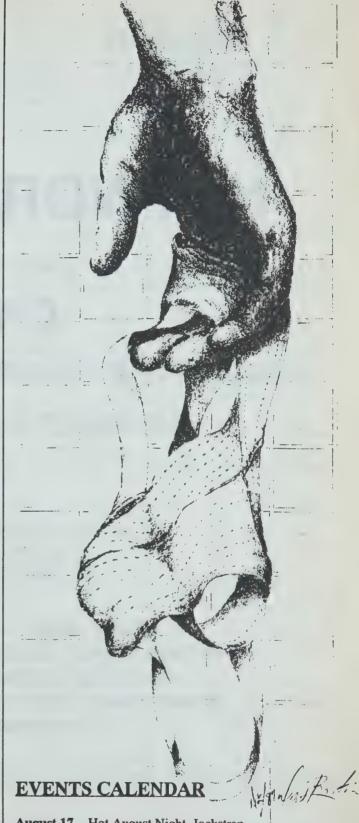
I trust everyone involved with organizing the Drummer Weekend appreciated my opinion, in spite of the hard work that is the backbone of any event. I am proud of you all and so too can you be, of your new club and its executive, of your fellow leather brothers' and sisters' show of unity, of the high degree of participation you received from the greater gay community and of the accolades you most certainly deserve.

Never forget your moments of glory and always strive to live up to the high standard you've set, in the future. Let your gay leather pride burn strongly and give people a chance to love you for it. They will.

Thanks again for asking me to be your head judge and congratulations to Don Bastian. I feel confident the Mr. Alberta Drummer title is in very good hands indeed.

Yours in Leather Love,

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PARENTS' CORNER

Feminism, Lesbianism and Motherhood

By Daphne Fox Calgary

The question of feminism as it relates to parenting has been one area I have struggled with for a number of years. The parental roles and values I witnessed and learned as a child, though traditional in every sense, presented a model of sacrificial motherhood that straddled complacency and enmeshment; and a model of fatherhood that was undeniably caring but conspicuously absent. In many traditional heterosexual relationships, these roles are still very well-defined and continue to perpetuate female oppression.

Having experienced parenting in the traditional nuclear family setting, and as both a single and coupled lesbian, I have been forced to question many areas of my life in an ever-expanding quest for enlightenment and balance. As the need for a deeper and more meaningful self-acceptance emerged, so did my questioning and subsequent denial of these same self-imposed roles that have been passed on from mother to daughter for generations. In the realm of feminist thinking, the evolution of mind and spirituality has changed my parenting as it resulted in a deeper and more meaningful respect for my children as individual people.

Prior to the feminist movement, there appears to have been little or no means for motherhood AND creative expression or enlightenment. The ever-

increasing influx of radicalized feminist teachings is now creating a generation of womyn who are changing the mother-child relationship into a mutually supportive bond based on honesty rather than superiority. It is no longer necessary for mothers to teach their daughters that reproduction and childrearing are their primary biosocial function, just as it is no longer necessary for sons to be taught that men can't cry.

In my own life, I felt it imperative that my children share with me the enhancement of my feelings of self-acceptance nurtured by feminist ideals, as well as not only having pride in my sexual orientation, but coming to know other lesbians and gay men as people. It was difficult at first, but now my children are probably more comfortable at a predominately gay and lesbian gathering than I am or will ever likely be at a predominately straight one.

The challenge of two gay men or two lesbian womyn raising children together can be compared to setting sail into uncharted waters at night. This is possibly why it is so easy in some gay relationships involving children to automatically fall into the traditional roles we ourselves experienced as children, especially when there are few gay parenting role models in our circle of friends.

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I believe that lesbian/feminist mothers are the only category of womyn sufficiently distanced from partriarchal expectations to focus their goals successfully on personal growth and economic independence. And they have continued to nurture these ideals despite the continued subordination and stress of enduring triple duty as parent, homemaker and wage earner — often entirely on their own and in poverty. In addition to, and apart from, their feminist heterosexual counterparts, lesbian mothers and their children must also be prepared to survive in a homophobic society; and in many cases survive a constant stream of homophobic negativism from grandparents and/or other relatives.

In my own parenting experiences, we have been numerous exposed to "combat of bouts homophobia" initiated by daughter's and/or his parents in a number of forms, the most serious and memorable incident being threatened abduction of my children. We were forced to escape through a back bedroom window, while my daughter's father sat in a truck at the

front of the building watching the one and only side entrance. The children trudged through calf-high snow in running shoes while I circled back to my car which I had parked out of sight around the corner. It felt a lot like a B-grade spy thriller and despite the excitement of the chase and the breathless, stiffled giggles as we maneuvered our way through the snow with a very large and very heavy suitcase, I know that day left a scar that will always stay with us.

Day-to-day, my daughter has also been the recipient of a number of confusion-inducing "little talks" from her father. The general message of each and every talk includes the following: "Your mother

isn't really a lesbian, you know... she only thinks she is. Your mother is just very, very sick right now. She needs some help. Once she gets well, she won't be doing all this lesbian stuff any more."

He has also referred to me as a "feminist" with an inflection that makes "feminist" sound like a dirty word. Although such comments are undoubtedly great ego—soothers for him, the mental duress it causes my daughter is entirely unfair and unjustified. As a mother, I am forced to stand by helplessly while she struggles with the pain of torn loyalties between mother and father. Who pays the piper when this tune ends? Certainly not the father!

"Your mother isn't really a lesbian, you know... she only thinks she is..."

Additionally, both children have been whole-heartedly their encouraged grandparents to use physical violence toward me (and presumably other feminists and/or gays) as a means of expressing THEIR disapproval. Most often though, the attack is more subtle, like the purchase of expensive toys and novelties that I couldn't possibly afford to provide for them.

In raising both a son and a daughter, the effects of feminism in each of these two relationships are as different as my children are. Certainly I am concerned about feminist issues where my daughter is concerned. I am interested in seeing that she cultivates the skills she will need to keep afloat in a sexist world, and still find a direction compatible with her interests, dreams and desires.

As for my son, I see him developing into a capable and caring young man who has already begun his own spiritual journey towards self-acceptance. I see him moving out in many directions, through and past the shadows of his forefathers.

THOUGHTS FROM THE LAVENDER DOOR

Attraction and Relationships

By Trish Stenson, Anne Taylor and Karen Bates Calgary

SEXUAL ATTRACTION. What comes to mind when these words are uttered? Do images of hot sex or the potential of a lasting relationship (or perhaps a short-term affair) come to mind? Do these words bring you warm feelings of being cared about, complimented, excited, flattered or maybe even terrified? Do they make you want to hide your head, run away, have another drink (perhaps a double scotch), or do you ready yourself for the next move?

If you are single, or wanting to end the relationship you are in, this attraction may be exciting, timely and a wonderful fantasy. Your adrenaline

surges as you feel attractive, wanted, loveable and sexy. You fantasize about the first kiss, the second and then the thoughts of long summer afternoons lost in the passions of another's whims. These experiences make for great romance novels and are what motivate us to follow through and act on these thoughts and impulses. It all sounds quite wonderful, doesn't it? And if you're ready to pursue a romantic liaison and you have no complications in your life (like perhaps a partner), it may very well lead to a more lasting relationship.

The fantasy ends with an abrupt dose of reality if

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we happen to be in a committed relationship where monogamy is the "golden rule". We know that permanent relationships involve hard work and must be based on much more than an attraction even though most start out that way.

It is our belief that sexual attractions are a fairly common and normal human reaction, often to a very tempting stimuli. However the surge of emotional turmoil, complicated further by our own values, beliefs and societal imprints, can turn a sexual attraction into an emotionally-laden and guilt inducing experience!

What if this sexual attraction happens while you are in a relationship (that you'd like to remain in) and it's not your partner that you feel the attraction for?

Once you get through the struggle of admitting to yourself that you have these feelings, the next thought is likely "What does this mean about my relationship?" Or, "What does this mean about me?" Of course, you have always believed that once Mr. or Ms. Right came along there would be no for even slightest distraction by any attraction.

Maybe you believed, intellectually, that it is normal to be attracted to other people but you really didn't think that it could happen to you!

So, how do you deal with this? You could try to ignore it in the hopes it will go away.

Then again, you might rationalize by pretending it was just the wine. Avoidance of the cause is always a possibility.

You could choose to throw caution to the wind, and just act on the attraction.

The latter of these choices may have dire consequences; there is, however, another choice.

You could be honest with your partner and tell them what you're struggling with. This could be a little scary. You may fear losing them.

You may be afraid of getting an ultimatum. Perhaps you fear getting no response at all!

You could both end up ignoring, avoiding and rationalizing the situation and negatively supporting each other in the denial of the existance of the attraction.

The first thing to understand is that just because

Attractions to others are normal events. They need to become part of the oepn and honest discussion that should take place in a healthy relationship, includes being honest in the expression of your feelings.

in discussing these types this indicates some need to review the state of the

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> That means both of you. If there is a problem of events, then perhaps

understand is that just because you are in a committed relationship doesn't mean that you

are dead to the rest of

the world...

relationship.

It is true that experiencing attractions for others while in a relationship can cause discomfort. Our guilt, shame and confusion often result in maintaining silence about our experience. This can only lead to resentment and anger at our partner for not understanding what we have not explained. It seems like a lot of wasted energy when all we need to do is begin to discuss our fears and thoughts about this event in the context of our relationship.

How's about starting the discussion now? ▼

THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON

Lovepat Calgary: Addicted To Potential

By Joey Sayer Calgary

"We'll visit and try not to infect the native culture with crummy western values of dead white men.

"Then we'll nab some babes.

"...Or nab some girls, rather... Ladies... Women...

Womyn...

"...Gay womyn... Gay womyn of color...

"Heck, maybe we should just go for some fried chicken."

--Opus, quoted in Berke Breathed's *Outland*, July **21**, 1991.

Welcome to part three of *Thank You and Good Afternoon*'s four-part series on womyn's issues. Over the past couple of months, this column has discussed the rationale behind the use of the word "womyn" and the importance of womyn's issues as a whole. It has solicited opinions on the discrimination against womyn in the gay community and has shared the true

story of a lesbian's coming to terms with herself during the early part of the twentieth century.

This month, I'm pleased to introduce you to a person who exemplifies much of what "womyn's issues" are all about. Her name is Patsy Ford, and although she is active in several different areas, I'll be concentrating on perhaps the most unique aspect about her, the one aspect which shines as a symbol of her philosophies: she decorates jackets.

I first met Patsy last year at one of the bimonthly Rap Group sessions held at the Old "Y" in Calgary. I forgot just what it was we were discussing; at any rate, whatever the topic was, it was nowhere near as important as the conversation that emerged as a result.

Both Patsy and I took active roles in the discussion, and by the evening's end, I had formed a solid respect and admiration for this well-spoken individual.

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We continued to see each other at the Rap Group, and we continued to debate all sorts of issues. Mostly we agreed; sometimes we didn't, but always we respected each other's viewpoints and went away appreciative of the experience.

Not long afterwards, I found out that Patsy was the person who decorated those jackets which kept cropping up every so often at various events in and around the community.

I was suitably impressed. The finished jackets,

after all, were wonderful creations. But at that point, from my perspective, they were still just jackets.

A while back, however, I happened to bump into Patsy on a sunny afternoon in front of the Old "Y". Neither of us were in any particular kind of rush, so we sat back and chatted a while. And while we talked, Patsy told me all about Lovepat Calgary.

Lovepat Calgary is a loosely structured organization which exists under the creative guidance of Patsy herself. It exists to... no, wait, I've got a better idea. Let me share with you Lovepat Calgary's statement of purpose, reprinted here in full.

"1) To preserve and pay tribute by various means of public display the beautiful laces and fabrics made with care and patience by our foremothers.

"2) To recognize the artistic value in the products of women's labour in an effort to counteract the devaluation and designation of women's art to the secondary status of craft.

"3) To stimulate the creative production of art among women, using the skills and talents they

already have, and to help women recognize the artistic value of these skills and talents.

"4) To create a sense of community among the participants in Lovepat Calgary projects.

"5) To show support for other women's cultural projects, especially those designed towards women's empowerment.

"6) To encourage a respect for gift-giving as a viable complement to a market economy, to recognize the community-building capacity of gift-giving, to

recognize the existance of a value system and to promote the spirit of giftgiving: that to give and to receive are one.

"7) To create art using existing materials, recognizing the environmental principals of reusing and recycling.

"8) To promote the concept of fashion as wearable art, thus freeing women from the dictates of the fashion industry and encouraging creative self-expression through clothing."

Lovepat Calgary, in effect, exists to educate, to enhance, to enlighten and to share. Reminiscent of Judy Chicago's "Dinner Party" exhibition, Lovepat Calgary brings to the surface the philosophies, the loves and the issues

womyn have faced since Eve first had to put up with Adam's griping about his missing rib.

But back to Patsy. What she does, is she gathers these odds and ends, bits of scrap such as broken jewelry, pieces of fabric and leather, tiny, kitschy, plastic toys, anything she can get her hands on. Even a whiskey bottle keychain once found its way into a Lovepat jacket. Nothing is turned away: Patsy describes herself as being addicted to potential. She's



"Rise Up"

by Lovepat Calgary

been known to turn yellow fringe into stunning sunsets, and tiny, silver studs into sparkling starlit skies.

She excitedly told me about a plan of hers to incorporate little plastic spiders into a startling new creation.

Why does she do all this? Well, near as I can figure, it's because she enjoys it. She thrills to the sharing aspect of Lovepat Calgary, and she firmly believes that whatever she gives will be returned several times over.

Also, having only just moved into town last year from Ontario, she uses Lovepat to help her ease into a community which can sometimes be fairly overwhelming.

Some of her jackets she has sold, in order to keep Lovepat afloat. But most of them she gives away. The Chinook City Dance Club, the Womyn's Collective, Lesbian & Gay Calgary, Youth Unitarian Church and have all recipients of her jackets, to be used as door prizes, auction items or whathave-you.

As well, several individuals have been fortunate enough to receive the fruits of her labour (careful, Joey, you're beginning to sound

like a bad gothic novel), including k. d. lang, a personal idol of Patsy's.

A particular project that Patsy spoke of enthusiastically was a "co-operative art show", where several contributors would add bits and pieces to various jackets, then send the jackets along to others who would do the same until the final results reflected a bit of everyone, and could be put on display for all to enjoy.

Through Patsy's jackets, Lovepat Calgary gives much to the community which has in turn given to Patsy. As she herself has said, "There are lots of things that can be done with [these jackets] that are in keeping with the spirit of gift-giving and community-building. For example, one jacket has been donated to a social services organization already, and another has been requested. They are used as door prizes or raffle prizes at fund-raising events, and the response has been very enthusiastic."

So here's to Patsy Ford and her jackets, and to the bits of glitz and the rusty nails which go into their creation. With the help of Lovepat, I think that Calgary can honestly say that we LovePatsy.

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In the June issue of AGLP, Thank You and Good Afternoon included questionnaire which asked readers to rate the bars in Calgary and Edmonton in terms of their attitude towards womyn; as well as asking the following questions: "Do you feel there is discrimination against womyn in the gay community?"; "Is there a need for a lesbian-only bar or lounge in Calgary and/or Edmonton?"; "Do you think that any bar

should be off-limits to womyn?" and "What can be done to improve the relationship between men and womyn in the gay community?"

The results have proven to be quite enlightening. We'll be sharing them with you in the final part of this series on womyn's issues, next month in this column. Until then,

THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON -- Joey. ▼



by Lovepat Calgary

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Brendah!

You didn't take 30 that well either – besides I'm still writhing!!

Love Doriz.

36-year-old GWM, has 1 bedroom Bsmt. suite in Central Edmonton to share with clean, responsible working GWM under 30. You pay only \$100/rent, \$100/food. Serious calls only please to Ray at 423-1080 between 10 am - 4 pm weekdays.

Wally.

HOW DO THE HILLS ROLL \$\$\$

Attractive, professional, financially secure gay Asian male, 20's, is searching for similar GWM for friendship and as travel companion to Europe Sept/Oct '91. Interests include music, cooking, quiet walks and romantic get-aways. Photo appreciated with phone/address. Reply to AGLP Box 81.

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Nellies, Revolt!!

Rita.

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ZZ del Rocko

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The woman of your dreams may be a member of the Rocky Mountain Singers. Why not find out? Practices are on Tuesdays, beginning September 10.

Bubba.

Where are U?

Jim, Rod, Gary,
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To Michelle, Linda, Deb, Darryl and Tyrone. I'll miss you all - thanks for everything.

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+ Hair

- + looks
- major pounds
- = Zsa
- + Schick
- = About the same (Although Ty uses many more Lady Schick)

GWM, 33, looking for pen pals. Let's correspond about life, love, whatever. I like getting to know men through the way they express themselves on paper. If you're interested, write me. AGLP Box

looking, masculine. Good friendly guy, 37, 6', 180 lbs., dark hair, mustache, in good physical shape seeks shorter,slim, feminine young guy. Prefer smooth-skinned quiet type but will answer all. Photo (will be returned) would be nice but not necessary.

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GWM, 33, 5'8", 160 lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes. I am fairly new to the gay scene. Straight looking and acting. Enjoy all sports, camping and outdoor activities and all types of music. I am very partial to leather. Looking for someone to teach me about the leather scene. Please send letter and phone number. Photo if possible. All letters will be answered. AGLP Box 88.

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GWM, 31, 5'4", 160 lbs., brown hair and eyes. Into romance and

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Nellies, Revolt!!

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This young-thinking daddy is lonely. I'm 5'9", 165 lbs., green eyes, and brown/blond hair. Intermediate body-building, dance, biking and sun-worship are my passtimes. I am not good at small talk in the bar, but am socially active. Being HIV-positive deos not mean my life is over, but time to turn over a new leaf. If you are sincere, "healthy" HIV-positive male with a positive attitude, I want to meet you. Your sincere reply will be answered promptly. Calgary reply to AGLP Box 90.

GWM, 58-years-old, 5'6", 120 lbs, would like to meet gay white male who is 30 to 65 years old for hopefully frequent sex and friendship. I am very easy to get along with so write or phone me and we can talk it over. AGLP Box 91.

Gay Oriental-Canadian college graduate, 24, cute, straight-looking and acting, looking for someone who knows the values of friendship. You must be of age 18 – 28, honest, caring, sensitive, but straight-looking and acting, and maybe with a sense of humor. All replies answered. Photo appreciated/returned. Reply to AGLP Box 82.

MULTIFACETED. intelligent masculine, attractive GWM, 34 years-old, successful junior executive, who also owns his own business and is incurably romantic seeks an equal to be a partner in Interests include travel. life. theatre, baseball, swimming, cooking, history, architecture, and reading. Seeking an attractive, professional. career-motivated, socially adept man 25 - 35 years old possessing personal style and a sense of humor who is comfortable with his own sexuality and appreciates and desires the old fashioned virtues of romance, seduction, wooing and being wooed, working together towards an open sincere, honest, longterm creative relationship. Sincerity expected and reciprocated. AGLP Box 92.

Gay Japanese male, 28, living in Banff, would like to meet non-smoking gay males between 25 – 40 in Banff or Calgary for friendship and possible relationship. Please send your letter with photo and phone number to AGLP Box 95.

loving, proudly gay and theoretically correct but with good Nietzschean leanings. You: enjoy quiet times, good food, wideranging musical tastes, (beyond gay folk music: disco), dancing, mental masturbation and safer sex. Pluses: fur, academic education, violently allergic to New Age philosophy as I am, patience enough to put me through the paces at the gym. Reply AGLP Box 93.

Ty,
You're fat and do too much "T.V."
Kiss – Kiss,
Zsa.

Jhon,
Happy B-Day!!
He's mine in September again enjoy it while you can. Pitch a
Brent for me.

XOXO Gary.

Good-looking, late 20's, GM seeks similar man for friendship and perhaps more of that's to be. Like me, my dream man would be non-smoking, financially secure, average build and enjoy travelling, music and living on the edge! Please reply with photo and phone/address to AGLP Box 94.

White gay male, 24, looking for white gay male, 20 – 25. Must be manly, not femmy. You are happy at least 90% of the time (I am). You have no wierd fetishes (I don't). You are not fat (I'm not). You hate fighting and arguing (I most certainly can't stand it). I know life is not all roses, but mine is 90% roses. Life is too short to live it in misery. I guess what I'm saying is I'm very mature. You too are mature. I love rock and roll, I love travel and the outdoors, I love dining out, and of course cozy

romantic evenings at home. I crave socializing and enjoy the bars but I do not live in them. All sincere responses answered. Reply to AGLP Box 96.

Wanted: Roommate to look for mutually acceptable accomodations – must be reliable, responsible and employed. Call Brian at 230–1736.

GOM, 5'7", 140 lbs, 23, University Graduate, slim, moderately muscular, straight-looking and acting. Looking for GM or GF, 18 – 30 to travel Europe with in October. We could leave together or meet there and travel on a full or part time basis. I enjoy weight-lifting, swimming, biking, camping etc. You should be somewhat responsible but know how to have fun. Photos appreciated/returned. All responses welcome/answered to AGLP Box 97.

GW Louise looking for Master Daddy Schick. Safety razor a must. No electrics or disposables need apply. Buzz me – I'm lathered and waiting.

Lesbian Information Lines is having a party AND EVERYONE IS INVITED. The Chinook City Dance Club will be there to help us celebrate unity, the last month of summer, and...

Saturday September 7. Call LIL (265–9458) for details.

Twiggy,
That is the nelliest step-down
gown we've ever seen!!!!

XOXO Doriz & Brendah.

20 year old, tall, blond, attractive, GWM seeks conservative and sincere soulmate. I am a student who enjoys people, dining out,

going to the bar with friends and intelligent conversation. I confess to being a pro-establishment optimist who makes no attempt to hide the gift of my sexual orientation. I place great value on a good sense of humour and a mild sense of adventure. If you're composed of flesh and blood as opposed to plastic, please reply to AGLP Box 83.

Q: Why did the blonde cross the road?

A: Who cares, why did they leave the bedroom!

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